

# FORT KNOX RETIREE BULLETIN

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## Special points of interest:

- Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Days scheduled for 28 & 29 October
- Pneumonia vaccine to be offered at Fort Knox RAD event
- ID Card Appointment System



## MESSAGE FROM THE GARRISON

Greetings from Fort Knox! We are in the final throes of Fort Knox's largest transformation since World War II. Since the Base Realignment and Closure decisions were announced in 2005, the post has grown by roughly 2,500 Soldiers and 2,500 civilian employees and undergone almost \$1 billion in construction and renovation projects.

When I stop and reflect on how Fort Knox looked when I became the deputy garrison commander in July 2001, it's amazing realizing just how much of the infrastructure has been improved. At times, Fort Knox seems like a completely different post.

We're appropriately moving Fort Knox into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and providing quality facilities for deserving customers – Soldiers, Families, Army Civilians and Retirees.

Speaking of facilities, funding was allocated for the design of a new Fort Knox hospital. The new facility would include such elements as red brick to coincide with Fort Knox's beautiful 1930s-era historic district. Ireland Army Community Hospital here still provides quality services and great patient care, but it's 54 years old. Building a new hospital is costly at about \$1,000 a square foot, but it remains a possibility that funding may come for this construction. If it does, the new hospital would be built next to the existing hospital at the corner of Wilson Road and Spearhead Division Avenue.

Another sign of the transformation at Fort Knox lies with our increase in the number of deployable units. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division moved here in October 2009, and the unit's 3,500 Soldiers deployed last December for a 12-month tour to eastern Afghanistan. For perspective, this is the largest combat deployment we've had out of Fort Knox since the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division's in April 1942. The 3/1 IBCT is making great strides, alongside their Afghan partners, in setting the security and stability conditions necessary to begin transitioning to the Afghan government.

Our 233<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company also deployed recently, marking their seventh deployment in the global war on terror. A good news story about both of these deployed units is the support they receive from members of the community, to include retirees. Every platoon-sized element has been "adopted" by businesses, organizations or individuals. Soldiers receive care packages – be it in the form of a letter, snacks or magazines – and the Soldiers keep in correspondence with their adopters throughout their deployment. It's special to see the bonds that have been established as a result of this effort.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GARRISON CONTINUED

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) is also likely to deploy within the next six to nine months. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ESC was the first major movement to Fort Knox in this round of BRAC, having come here from Germany in 2007. Since their time here, the command has deployed twice – once for a year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where they oversaw the entire logistics operations in that theater, and once to Haiti to lead logistics for the humanitarian aid efforts after the devastation caused there by an earthquake.

As evidenced, Fort Knox has changed from its days as primarily an armor training installation. The post is now a multi-command, multi-functional installation, which contains Army Forces Command units, human capital commands, as well as a large Reserve unit footprint.

The last of the major BRAC movements to Fort Knox will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Division's uncasing ceremony at its new headquarters here on Sept. 10. With this news, Fort Knox has successfully completed what is regarded by many as the most complex of the Army's BRAC actions by the mandated deadline of Sept. 15, 2011.

While I've scratched the surface on Fort Knox's transformation, one cannot fully grasp the totality of the changes unless he or she actually visits Fort Knox. Please don't be a stranger; we welcome you anytime and encourage you to use our facilities and attend our ceremonies and events.

We will be hosting our Retiree Appreciation Days Oct. 28 and 29, which provides a great reason to come out to Fort Knox. In addition to the event serving as a great one-stop shop to receive medical screenings, financial and legal assistance, and ID card renewals, RAD is also an event to honor you for your contributions to the Armed Forces – both while in service and upon retirement. Those currently wearing the uniform are indebted to you for helping mold the military into what it is today, and we all offer a sincere 'Thank You!'

STRENGTH STARTS HERE!

Emmet E. Holley

Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Knox Garrison

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## RETIREE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

From your Retiree Council Chairman to the 107,000 retirees from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, I extend my warmest greetings. As retirees we serve the five branches of the military every time we welcome home or thank a service member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard.

Every year, in late October or early November, the Fort Knox Senior Mission Commander hosts the Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) event as a way of saying thank you for the role you play in recruitment, retention and recognition of troops. I invite you to attend the 2011 RAD on the 28th and 29th of October. This year the daily activities and services are located in the Patton Museum. I sincerely believe your visit will be well worth your time to take advantage of the various services offered to you. Also, I encourage you to attend the Retiree Appreciation banquet held Friday evening, October 28th, at the Fort Knox Leaders Club for an evening of enjoyment with fellow retirees and our special guest speaker.

Since you were here last, the only surviving WWII barracks on Fort Knox is now adjacent to the Patton Museum where it will be restored to near originality and become a permanent museum display. I am sure many of you have memories of the living conditions and challenges you faced while living in a barracks like this one. By the time you return next year, we hope to have the renovation complete.

On behalf of the Fort Knox Retiree Council, welcome to this year's RAD.

Mike Weaver, Col, US Army Retired  
Chairman, Fort Knox Retiree Council

## IRELAND ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL COMMANDER

The staff and I at Ireland Army Community Hospital look forward to seeing you at the Patton Museum for the 2011 Retiree Appreciation Days. We are proud to serve all those who have given so much to the Nation. Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH) provides a full spectrum of clinical, laboratory, pharmacy, and imaging services, including Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and digital mammography. All appointments at Ireland can be made by calling our appointment line at 1-800-493-9602 or through TRICARE Online at <http://www.tricareonline.com/>.

We continue to improve our services and on May 31, we proudly opened the doors to our newly renovated Emergency Department. We expanded the Emergency Room by six beds, so we can now offer 18 beds, including two trauma beds, 10 monitored beds and six rapid treatment beds. The Emergency Room waiting area also features a designated pediatrics area so that children can play with toys while they are in the waiting room.

We've also expanded our parking area to serve you better. You should notice more parking spaces available to you when you visit our hospital, and more are in the process of being constructed.

As always, flu shots will be available at RAD (as always dependent upon timely supply from our vendor who is challenged every year to produce just-in-time the latest vaccine). This year's vaccine will also include immunization against the H1N1 virus. As in past years, we will also provide the pneumonia vaccine at RAD. The pneumonia vaccine is only needed once for those 65 years of age and older. This immunization has the potential to save your life so please plan to receive it if you haven't already. It's also available at our Immunization Clinic, along with the shingles vaccine, Zostavax. Zostavax is given to those 60 years and older who have a prescription.

Please take the time to visit all of our displays and services here at Retiree Appreciation Days and consider our invitation for you to visit Ireland to enjoy our dining facility.

Lastly, please feel free to share your comments with me and my staff. Your input, be it through word of mouth, the customer scorecards or APLSS, helps us to continuously improve. To reach my office, call (502) 624-9070. I look forward to hearing from you, to providing you with the medical services you have earned and to personally thank you for your service to our country.

Cornelius Maher, MD, PhD

COL, MC, USA Commander Ireland Army Community Hospital

## FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION

FMWR extends a warm welcome to all retirees who will be attending the annual Retiree Appreciation Days on 28 and 29 October 2011. We look forward to serving those who served to protect and defend our great nation.

As a token of our sincere appreciation, on 28 and 29 October, all retirees will enjoy a 25 percent discount on FMWR services at the following FMWR activities. All food and non-alcoholic beverage items at the Leaders Club, Lindsey Golf Course, Rocker II Club, and Houston Bowling Center, and Java Cafe will be discounted 25 percent.

Fees for golf at Lindsey, swimming at Anderson Pool, bowling at Houston Bowling Center, and usage fees at French Shooting Club will also be included in the 25 percent discount. Alcoholic beverages, lodging, other discounts, and resale items are excluded from the discount. Retirees may make lodging reservations 14 days prior to arrival by calling (502) 943-1000. Family and MWR representatives are looking forward to meeting and serving our retirees and their families during the Retiree Appreciation Days.

Randy Moore

Director, Family and MWR

## NOTES FROM THE RSO

The Fort Knox Retirement Services Office (RSO) is located in White Hall (One-Stop), Bldg 1384, Rms 101 & 102. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Operating hours on Thursday are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. You can contact us by calling (502) 624-1765/7236/6419/4641/4315, or by e-mailing: [knox.rso@conus.army.mil](mailto:knox.rso@conus.army.mil). Our mailing address is: ATTN Retirement Services, Bldg 1379, Rm 2, 26 Pershing Drive, Fort Knox, KY 40121-4215. Visit our website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/rso/index.asp>.

The RSO is designed to assist Soldiers and their Families making the transition to retirement and to keep them updated on their rights, benefits and privileges after retirement. We coordinate, conduct, and facilitate detailed pre-retirement and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) briefings. We also provide information related to pre-retirement, such as retirement application processing, retirement orders, DD Form 214 (Certificate or Discharge from Active Duty) processing, final out-processing procedures and Career Status Bonus Election (CSB)/REDUX retirement pay option counseling and processing.

We assist retirees and their Family members with Defense Finance and Accounting System - Cleveland issues/concerns, such as allotments, beneficiary information, bank information, tax withholding status, reissue 1099-R for tax filing and requesting copies of the Retired Account Statement. We assist with understanding Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP), obtaining copies of lost documents and issuance of military identification cards.

We counsel and assist survivors of retired Soldiers and Soldiers who die on active duty regarding their SBP options and entitlements and the proper processing of the application. The RSO also provides information and assistance to retirees, Soldiers, spouses and former spouses regarding the Uniformed Services Former Protection Act (USFSPA).

Fort Knox has a retiree council that consists of 20 members with a chairman and two co-chairmen. Their mission is to represent the retired military community of all services and grades residing in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana.

The Veterans Service Office (VSO) in Bldg 1373 Chaffee Ave or (502) 624-4103 or Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) Field Representative Mr. Frank Neiderriter in Bldg 1109 or (502) 799-0418 are available to assist you with VA related matters.

Mrs. Jolene Culpepper-Retirement Services Officer

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## MAILING LIST FOR THE FORT KNOX RETIREE BULLETIN

Due to budget constraints, we are no longer able to mail the Fort Knox Retiree Bulletin. We will be distributing it via e-mail and will also post it on our website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/rso/index.asp>. If you wish to be added to the e-mail list you can sign up by sending a request via e-mail to [knox.rso@conus.army.mil](mailto:knox.rso@conus.army.mil). You may also call us at (502) 624-7236/6419/4641/4315/1765. Please feel free to forward the bulletin to any retiree you know that would be interested in receiving it.

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## RESERVE RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE NOW AT FORT KNOX

The Reserve component Retirement branch has moved from St. Louis to Fort Knox. The St. Louis office has closed therefore all mail must be addressed to: HRC ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR, 1600 Spearhead Division Ave, Dept 420, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5402 (502) 613-8950

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## SIGNING UP FOR E-ECHOES WILL ENSURE YOU STAY INFORMED

Due to budget shortfalls, the May-August edition of Army Echoes is the first for 2011. Army Echoes needs your help to reduce publishing costs. Have you ever considered reading your echoes online? We understand not all retirees have access to a computer, but those who do should consider the advantages of e-Echoes. Not only will you save paper, but you will have access to Echoes from any computer and can see current and back issues.

Army Echoes has a goal this year to increase e-Echoes volunteers from 33,000 to 150,000. You can sign up for e-Echoes at [www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp) by clicking on register now. You can also register via mail by sending your name, email address and the last four of your SSN to: Army Retirement Services, ATTN: DAPE-HR-RSO, Alexandria, VA 22332-0470. Surviving spouses must provide the retiree's FULL SSN.

## FORT KNOX VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

The Fort Knox Veteran Service office is staffed by volunteers who consider it their mission to assist veterans and their survivors in obtaining the benefits that they have earned through service to our nation. We consider it an honor and a privilege to submit claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of veterans and their survivors. We also submit applications for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for all branches of the service.

We are available at our office in Building 1373 Chaffee Ave, across from One Stop, near the Traffic Circle Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to Noon. Or you may contact us at (502) 624-4103.

We do not make appointments. We operate on a walk-in basis first come first served. We recommend that you arrive at 9:00am or shortly thereafter as our waiting room is frequently crowded by 10:00am. We also insist that you arrive not later than 11:00 to be seen on that day.

We have provided 1392 assists in 2008, 1210 in 2009, 1583 in 2010, and 854 to date in 2011.

If you are in need of assistance with a claim to The Department of Veterans Affairs or applying for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) we would consider it an honor to assist you.

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## AAFES

The Exchange values your contributions to our nation and is honored to participate in the annual Fort Knox Retiree Days celebration. When you visit, please take some time to visit the various Exchange facilities located throughout the post. In addition to the Exchange, we're extremely proud of the 24-hour Express at the corner of Spearhead and Wilson as well as our furniture store, Mall, Food Court and Outdoor living areas. We have scheduled several promotions and specials specifically for this weekend and hope that you will take full advantage of these terrific deals. We also encourage you to sign up for our Buddy List so that you will be aware of the many sales and events the Exchange has throughout the year. To sign-up, please visit the Exchange Information Booth. Thank you again for your service to our great country and for letting the Exchange serve the best customers in the world.

Dwight A. Marcus – General Manager Fort Knox Exchange

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## STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Personnel from the Legal Assistance Office will be available to help you with your immediate needs regarding notaries, powers of attorney and living wills. Notaries, powers of attorney and living wills will be available at the Patton Museum during the 2011 Retiree Appreciation Days. Information papers are available online at [www.knox.army.mil/center/sja/](http://www.knox.army.mil/center/sja/) under the Legal Assistance section.

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## COMMISSARY

It is indeed a pleasure for the Fort Knox Commissary to participate in the Retiree Appreciation Days. We will have an information table at the Patton Museum with all the latest coupons, giveaways and news from the Commissary. The bakery will provide a special "Retiree Day" cake to be served Friday, 28 October at 11:00 a.m. at the commissary. Food tasting and special product demonstration will also be conducted at the commissary throughout the day. Further excitement will be included with special sales throughout the commissary.

The Commissary is currently being renovated and should be close to complete for the Retiree Appreciation Days. The renovation includes new tile, lighting, refrigeration equipment and décor package. You are invited to come and experience the new look at your Commissary.

Chudri Najdawi – Fort Knox Store Director



**RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****28 Oct 11**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony at the Patton Museum

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration / Exhibits / Seminars\* / Flu shots\* / One-Stop (ID Cards)

\*Seminars(9:30—4:00): TRICARE, DFAS Retired Pay , Veterans Affairs, Future of Ft Knox

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Banquet at the Leaders Club \*Guest Speaker- LTG Stanley E. Clarke III USAF

**29 Oct 11**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits, Medical screenings, Flu Shots\*

\* Flu shots will be given to Retirees, Spouses, and Surviving Family members with military ID only -- NO children.

\* Places of interest include: Commissary, PX, Houston Bowling Alley, Lindsey Golf Course, Anderson Pool, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

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**RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY BANQUET**

**6:30 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011**

**LEADERS CLUB - CANDLELIGHT ROOM - POLISHED CASUAL ATTIRE**

**MENU**

**MARINATED BEEF TIPS w/MUSHROOM GRAVY, NEW POTATOES, VEGETABLE  
MEDLEY, SALAD, DESSERT**

**OR**

**BREAST OF LEMON CHICKEN w/RICE PILAF, VEGETABLE MEDLEY, SALAD,  
DESSERT**

**BEVERAGES: ICED TEA OR COFFEE & CASH BAR**

Yes, I will attend the Retiree Appreciation Day Banquet at the Leaders Club. The cost per meal is \$20.00.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats in my name. Indicate number of each meal for your party: Beef\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_\_\_\_

This Reservation form and money must be received no later than 14 October 2011. Make checks payable to the Leaders Club. If you wish to pay by credit card call (502) 624-7236/1765.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reservations to: ATTN Retirement Services

Bldg 1379, Rm 2

26 Pershing Drive

Fort Knox, KY 40121-4215

Please ensure when you visit Fort Knox for the Retiree Appreciation Days event that you adhere to installation requirements. In order to enter the installation, you must have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and *all* occupants of the vehicle must have a valid photo ID.

## KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY CENTRAL

Thanks in part to your many generous contributions, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) adjacent to Fort Knox marked its fourth Year of Honors on Memorial Day. Make plans to visit KVCC, which is just outside the Fort Knox main gate, during Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Days. You can find out more about KVCC at the website of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs at <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/kvcc>. KVCC mainly serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. KVCC is available for Active Duty Soldiers and their Family members. Eligibility is the same for the VA national cemeteries. For more information about interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, including eligibility and services, call the cemetery at (270) 351-5115 or (270) 351-5119. This is Kentucky's second state veterans cemetery and we are currently creating a Recognition Wall with name placements to those who made donations. See page 8 for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Eligibility application.

Make Your Tax Deductible Donation or Pledge to:

**The Kentucky Veteran's Program Trust Fund**

c/o Department of Veterans Affairs

1111 Louisville Road

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Phone: (502) 564-9203

**Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Pledge or Donation Amount

☐ \$5.00

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$15.00

☐ \$25.00

☐ \$50.00

☐ OTHER \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

Pledge Information

☐ Donation Enclosed

☐ Monthly Donation

☐ Quarterly Donation

☐ Annual Donation

# PLEDGE CARD

# KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERIES ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

Please Print Legibly Or Type

## STEP 1: VETERAN'S INFORMATION (Please Complete Even If The Veteran Is Deceased)

1. Veteran's Last Name: First: Middle: Suffix (Jr., Sr.):		2. Date of Birth / /	3. Social Security #: - -
4. Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Marines <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves Only		5. Service # (if known):	6. Rank:
7. Date of Entry: / /	8. Date of Separation: / /	9. Character of Discharge: <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other Than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF SERVICE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER

## STEP 2 (Complete Only If Spouse Will Be Buried With The Veteran): SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

10. Spouse's Last Name: First: Middle: Suffix (Jr., Sr.):		11. Date of Birth / /	12. Social Security #: - -
13. Is the spouse a veteran also? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, A SEPARATE APPLICATION & DD FORM 214 OR DISCHARGE IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE ADJACENT PLOT			

## STEP 3: OTHER ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS' INFORMATION

- No documentation is required if your child is under 21
- Proof of college enrollment is required if child is under 23
- If dependent child is over 23 and permanently handicapped, documentation is required for eligibility- please contact cemetery staff for documentation requirements.

## STEP 4: PLEASE PROVIDE CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

14. Mailing Address:	15. City:	16. State:	17. Zip Code:
18. Home Phone:		19. Work Phone:	

## STEP 5: PLEASE SELECT THE CEMETERY OF YOUR CHOICE

20. PLEASE PLACE A CHECKMARK IN ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW AND MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT DD FORM 214 OR DISCHARGE FORM (DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL) TO THE ADDRESS BELOW THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE CEMETERY OF YOUR CHOICE

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville (Near Ft. Campbell)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff (Near Ft. Knox)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown</b>
<b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West</b> Application Review 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 (270) 889-6106	<b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central</b> Application Review 2501 N. Dixie Boulevard Radcliff, Kentucky 40160 (270) 351-5115	<b>Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North</b> Application Review C/O Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central 2501 N. Dixie Boulevard Radcliff, Kentucky 40160 (270) 351-5115

21. I declare under penalty of law that the information contained herein is true and correct.

Signature of veteran or authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Forms are available to compose your own headstone inscription. Contact cemetery staff for details.
- See reverse side for information about the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund.

--THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CEMETERY PERSONNEL-- ☐ Approved ☐ Pending ☐ Disapproved

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## ID CARD FACILITIES

### MAKE ID CARDS AND DEERS APPOINTMENTS ONLINE!

Please go to

[http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/psb/id\\_hours.asp](http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/psb/id_hours.asp), and click make an appointment.

The Fort Knox ID card section is located in Bldg 1384, Rm 103. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can contact them at (502) 624-1818/1667. Listed below are a few locations for ID cards. Call any of the numbers below or visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appi/site?execution=e1s1> to locate a facility closer to you.

#### Kentucky

Louisville (502) 413-4210

Frankfort (502) 607-1660

Greenville (502) 607-7990

#### Indiana

Ft Wayne (260) 478-3231 or (260) 747-1131

Terre Haute (812) 877-5610 or (866) 798-2032

Indianapolis (317) 532-4514 or (317) 964-7057

South Bend (574) 287-0835 ; Peru (765) 688-3909

Evansville (866) 245-0878 ; Edinburgh (812) 526-1671

#### Ohio

Columbus (614) 492-4173; (614) 692-2122; (614) 336-6053; (614) 692-3141

Dayton/Wright Patterson AFB (937) 257-6981

Cincinnati (513) 221-0138

Akron (330) 376-9054

Toledo (419) 868-4225 or (419) 666-3444

Cleveland (216) 902-6319

#### **You will need to bring the following documents:**

- 2 forms of unexpired identification
- Retirement orders/DD Form 214
- Birth/Death/Marriage certificates
- Letter from Registrar's Office stating full-time status & date of graduation
- Divorce decree
- Adoption papers
- Driver's license (if replacing lost ID card)
- Social security cards & Medicare cards

## SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS REMOVED FROM ID CARDS

Effective 1 June 2011, DOD ID card policy was implemented to remove Social Security numbers from military identification cards. The change is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DOD identification card holders from identity theft. Before 1 June 2011, the Social Security number was printed on the back of common access cards and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees. The number was also embedded in the bar code on the back of identification cards.

Identification cards will be replaced as they expire and the new cards issued after 1 June reflect a 10-digit DOD identification number in place of the Social Security number. The DOD identification number is a unique number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number will also be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-digit number will appear on the cards of those eligible for DOD benefits. The first nine digits are common to the sponsor and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

The Social Security number embedded in the bar codes on the back of the cards will remain for now but will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The identity protection program began in 2008 with the removal of Social Security numbers from dependent identification cards. Because the cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DOD identification number. Retirees and others that have an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date can go to the nearest ID card facility to obtain a new card.

## NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DURING RAD ACTIVITIES

Got Drugs? Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 2011. The Army Substance Abuse Program at Fort Knox is offering this service to you. Prescription drugs are being misused and abused at alarming rates throughout the United States. As part of the effort to address this problem, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at sites nationwide - Fort Knox is one of these sites. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked. POC for this program is 502-624-1537.

## ONLINE RETIREE RESOURCES

The Army G1 website at <http://armyg1.army.mil/retire> is a vast source of information valuable to retirees, family members, survivors and Soldiers preparing to retire. This website provides access to valuable links such as TRICARE, Social Security, Military Records, Army Casualty, AER, Retirement Services and benefit calculators. Army Echoes is also available online via this website.

Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at <https://www.us.army.mil> is another website available for retirees. AKO can be used to contact Army buddies also registered through the Army White Pages or a Reunion page.

MyPay is a website that allows you to make changes to your retired pay, print your 1099R and Retiree Account Statements. You can log onto <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. If you do not already have a MyPay account, click to request a new PIN number and one will be mailed to you in 7 to 10 days. Once you receive your temporary PIN number you can log in and change your PIN to a number you choose. MyPay makes it easy for you to view and make changes to your retired pay account without making a phone call or mailing in forms.

## RETIRED PAY INFORMATION

Retirees are responsible for updating their file at DFAS-Cleveland within one year in the event that they marry, remarry, are widowed or divorced and need to update beneficiary information and make or update an Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election. Address changes should also be reported to DFAS-CL to ensure receipt of retired pay, newsletters, 1099R forms and retiree account statements. You may also start, stop, or change allotments and change direct deposit information by contacting DFAS by phone at 1-800-321-1090 or by fax at 1-800-469-6559. Written requests for updates should be mailed to:

If in receipt of or entitled to retired pay:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
US Military Retired Pay  
PO Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130

If in receipt of or entitled to SBP:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
US Military Annuitant Pay  
PO Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131

## LODGING

If you are planning to stay overnight in the immediate area you will want to make your reservations in advance. Below is a listing of some local establishments for your consideration. This list does not include all lodging facilities and should not be seen as an endorsement for any facility.

### On Post Reservations (502) 943-1000

Camp Carlson (502) 624-4836

### Radcliff / Muldraugh (5 to 10 minutes from post)

Econo-Lodge (270) 351-4488

Economy Suites (502) 942-9526

Fort Knox Inn (270) 351-3199

Golden Manor (502) 942-2800

Gold Vault Inn (270) 351-1141 or (800) 266-2104

Hampton Inn & Suites (270) 351-5777

Holiday Inn Express (800) 465-4329

Radcliff Inn (270) 351-8211 or (800) 421-2030

Super 8 (270) 352-1888/1898/1970

### Elizabethtown (30 minutes from post)

Best Western (270) 769-3030

Bluegrass Inn (270) 765-2194

Days Inn (270) 769-5522

Fairfield Inn (270) 769-1440

Hampton Inn (270) 765-6663

Holiday Inn Express (270) 769-1334

Howard Johnson (270) 769-9616

LaQuinta Inn (270) 765-4747

Motel 6 (270) 769-3102

Quality Inn & Suites (270) 765-4166

Ramada (270) 769-9683

### Brandenburg (20 to 25 minutes from post)

Super 8 (270) 422-1700

Brandenburg Inn (270) 422-1200

Doe Run Inn (270) 422-2982

1. Leaders Club
2. One Stop
3. Hospital
4. PX
5. Commissary
6. SJA
8. Patton Museum
9. Wickham Guest House
10. Burger King
11. Shoppette
12. Gas Station
13. Gold Vault

